

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

July 28, 2010

The Honorable Janet Napolitano  
Secretary  
Department of Homeland Security  
3801 Nebraska Ave, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20393

Dear Secretary Napolitano,

We are writing to ensure that the Department of Homeland Security has a plan to coordinate with state and local government in Michigan so that all necessary security is provided in the event of a trial of suspected Northwest Airlines Flight 253 attempted bomber, Mr. Umar Farouk Abdulmutallab. A recent article in the *Detroit News* has shed new light on the question of who will pay for security for the trial, and Representative Candice Miller (R-MI) sent a similar letter several months ago on this matter. The response received by Mrs. Miller was insufficient, so we write today as a delegation to ask for a more concrete and definitive answer.

The safety of the citizens in Southeast Michigan is paramount and the Federal Government needs to be completely clear that if Mr. Abdulmutallab is tried at the Theodore Levin Courthouse in Detroit, the Federal Government has a plan to ensure security at the Courthouse and surrounding areas, and, further, that the Federal Government will bear the full cost of providing this security. We know you agree that Michigan residents' safety and security are as important as that of citizens of New York, where other trials for suspected terrorists are planned. If the Federal Government pays for security-related matters for the New York trials, it must be prepared to do the same in Detroit.

In your Department's June 2, 2010 response to Representative Miller, you state that Detroit would be eligible for funds in the President's request of \$200 million for the Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) to provide security for "terror-related trials." As you may know, the Subcommittee on Homeland Security Appropriations did not include this amount in the Homeland Security Appropriations Act for fiscal year (FY) 2011. However, Congress appropriated \$887 million for the UASI program in FY 2010 and \$838 million for UASI in FY 2009. In addition, given that the Theodore Levin Courthouse is located just across the border from Canada, other DHS programs should also be considered as funding sources for security before and during the trials.

We would like to ask you to respond to the following questions with regard to the civilian trial of Mr. Abdulmutallab:

1. Does the Department of Homeland Security consider the Federal Government responsible for the security of the citizens of Detroit and greater Southeast Michigan during the trial of Mr. Abdulmutallab?

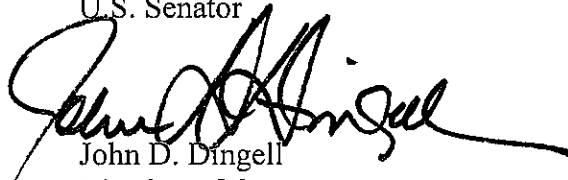
2. How does the Department of Homeland Security intend to carry out this responsibility?

We hope that you will provide a thorough response to these questions no later than August 28, 2010. Thank you for your consideration of this important matter.

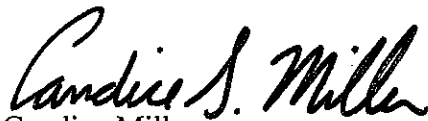
Sincerely,



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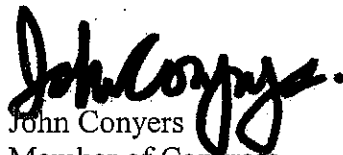
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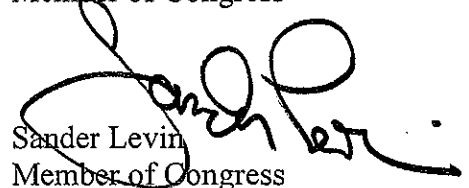
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